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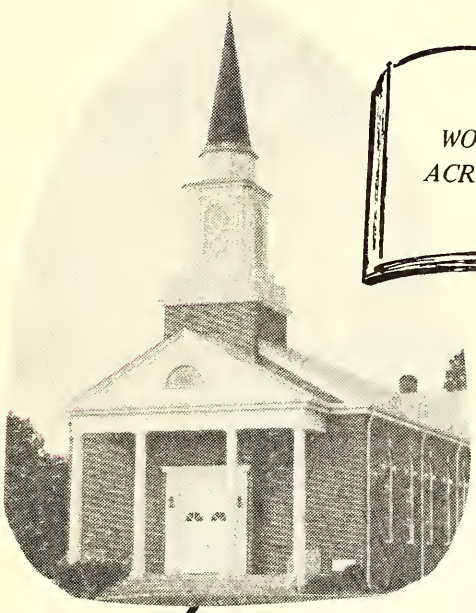

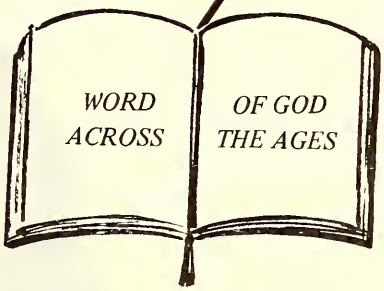

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100 YEARS — 1874-1974

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NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

WHITEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Mathew 16:16-18

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Friday Evening, 7:30 p.m., November 1, 1974
Sunday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., November 3, 1974

Greetings From Your Pastor

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done." As we pause in the history of the New Hope Baptist Church and look back, truly we join in singing from our hearts a song of praise to God from whom all blessings flow. This centennial anniversary of our church is a time to pause and look back; to thank God for His guidance and blessings, to take stock of what has been passed on to us and then move on to higher and greater achievements for His glory.

We cannot express in words our sincere affection for those who dared to be first. Their courage, faith, spiritual insight and dedication to God in 1874 challenges us today. Across the years many have entered into the labors, and despite small numbers, destruction of buildings, disappointments, poverty, rebuilding, depressions and problems, they have marched on in sacrificial devotion to the causes of Christ through this church.

As you read the history of the New Hope Baptist Church one cannot but be challenged to take what has been given us, and building upon this foundation, dedicate ourselves anew to reach people for Jesus Christ both in this community and the world.

The blessings of the past century can certainly, in large part, be due to the loyalty of the men who have served as pastors of the church. Some of these may have been unlettered men, and all possessed the frailties of human nature, but they were Bible believing, Bible preaching men. They proclaimed Christ as the only hope of sinful men and contended for Christian living. They were true to the tenets of the Baptist faith, and the fruits of their labors together with the labors of the congregation linger on today and shall ever be traced across the course of history.

God grant that the men and women who compose this church one hundred years from now shall have cause to be thankful for us, as we are for those who wrought so gloriously for us throughout the years from February 1874 to this present day.

As a link in the chain of God's eternal purpose and plan, we would this day, having entered the second century, continue to hold high the torch of Truth handed us by those who have gone before us and covenant under God that we will be His witnesses in this community and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Sincerely,
C. Millard Crumpler

FOREWORD

This collection of data is the story of a community, of a church, and of those people who constituted and of those people who continue to faithfully support and sustain New Hope Baptist Church. It is a tribute to their ancestors and to their descendants, who, working together, have made New Hope Church a staunch and strong influence for Christianity in this community and in this world during the past Century — 1874-1974.

CHURCH RECORDS

Records of New Hope Church prior to 1921 were burned when the home of the Church Clerk was destroyed by fire. Therefore, researching for those early years was difficult, and the authentic information contained in this history is more meager than for the later years.

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Acknowledgement: We are grateful to the members of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church for graciously permitting us to use their church minutes and records to research material pertaining to the organization and early years of the New Hope Church history. The late Mr. H.D. White and his son, Hubert, were especially helpful in making this information possible.

SPRING MEADOW – NEW HOPE
THEN AND NOW

New Hope is a large rural area located in Whiteville Township approximately four miles from Columbus County Courthouse. It has no definite geographic boundaries and is found on no map, but it is the political center of the South Whiteville voting precinct. It is a hospitable Southern Community proud of its heritage and bound by ties of friendship, kinship and neighborliness.

The focal point of the New Hope Community today is the New Hope Baptist Church celebrating its one hundredth anniversary in February of this year 1974. When the church was organized, one hundred years ago, the area was known as Spring Meadow and was generally covered with forest. Deep behind the church, a section of several acres of woodland is still known as the Spring Meadow.

Some of the earliest landholders, prior to 1874, were the Evans, the Hinsons, the Thompsons, the Whites, the Singletarys, the Blackmons, the McLams, the Tedders, the Butlers, the Jollys, the Nealys, the Blakes, the Boswells, the Stephens, the McCollums, the Dudleys, the Rockwells, and the Ammons.

These families and others attended church at Pleasant Hill or at Vineland (Whiteville) either walking or driving wagons the approximately five miles once a month for Sunday morning preaching service and on Saturday once a month for the Business Conference at which attendance was compulsory.

In 1874, a small one-room log school house was the center of the Spring Meadow community. It was located just west of the Whiteville - Mt. Tabor road on the spot where the Pastorium now stands. It faced the Conway-Boro road (now New Hope Road). About one-half mile from the schoolhouse was a Grist Mill built over the deep race of the Edward White Mill Pond. Here, people could get their corn ground into meal or hominy. Several sugar cane mills, one at the George Dudley farm, ground cane and cooked syrup. There were no stores closer than Vineland. The unpaved road to Vineland was at times wet, muddy and rough, or deep sand causing travel to "town" and back home an all-day journey.

Most farmers were very versatile. They grew their own food, half-soled their families shoes, made much of their own furniture, plows and other tools, and shoed their own mules and horses. Occasionally, however, the horses would be shoed at a blacksmith shop belonging to Mr. Harmon Duncan and located at the cross roads near Charlie Tedder's home. Mr. Duncan was also a Gunsmith and operated a lathe by foot pedal. A few turpentine distilleries and saw mills began operating in the community in the middle and latter 1800's. However, farming was the chief occupation of the area.

For entertainment, the neighbors of Spring Meadow worked together in log-rollings, in quilting parties, in building houses and tobacco barns, and in corn shuckings. (If a boy found a red ear of corn, he was permitted to kiss his favorite girl.) These get-togethers were accompanied with big feasts prepared by the ladies. Not only did these occasions provide fun and entertainment, but were a means of accomplishing necessary work and an opportunity for neighbors to help each other at a time when modern machinery was unknown.

About 1890, a general merchandise store was built and operated by Esau Nealy. It was beside the Mt. Tabor Road on what is now the Floyd farm. Later, it was moved to the present site of Hill's Thriftway Store and enlarged. It was a one-stop, one-store shopping center—selling groceries, clothes, cloth, shoes, snuff, tobacco, tools, harnesses and almost anything one needed. About this same time, another General Merchandise store was built by Van White in what is now Oneil White's front yard. Benches were placed outside the store where the patrons could meet, rest, exchange news, and discuss politics.

The people of Spring Meadow, being thrifty and ambitious, prospered with the times. "New-fangled" inventions such as cook stoves were installed in some houses. Covered buggies and surrys were purchased by some of the more prosperous farmers. Hundreds of acres of land once owned by a few was divided and cultivated by young men who were industrious and who contributed to the culture and welfare of the community.

In 1872 and '73, there became a growing desire among many people of the Spring Meadow area to organize a Baptist Church in their own community. This desire originated because the community had become sufficiently populated to support a church of its own and eliminate the necessity of traveling the long distance to Pleasant Hill or Whiteville. This desire was put into action and in February, 1874 the first church organizational meeting was held by 13 people. Many others later joined this group and assisted in completing the organization of New Hope Baptist Church.

NEW HOPE CHURCH HISTORY
(Preface)

New Hope Baptist Church was organized by a group of baptized believers formerly worshipping at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church which was organized in 1844 and officially constituted February 22, 1848 by Rev. William Ayers, John Frank, Joel Sellers, J.C. Summersett, James Dyson, Elijah Elkins, John D. Nobles, John Thompson, Stephen Thompson, Edward White, J.C. Nobles, and members of their families. These dear people organized the church, built a log house, named it Pleasant Hill, and worshipped. By 1859 the church had prospered. The log building was not large enough to hold the people — so a new church was built on the same site on which Pleasant Hill Church now stands. According to minutes of that church written in 1860, Piney Forest Church was built and took about one-fourth of the members from Pleasant Hill. Then came a desire among other members to withdraw and build a church in the Spring Meadow Area.

So, in the latter part of the year 1873, letters of dismission from Pleasant Hill Church were granted to William J. Dyson, Caroline Blake, Patience Rockwell, Edward White and wife Annie, Harris Thompson, Thomas Thompson and Stephen Thompson. Conference minutes dated Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in February, 1874 A.D. read as follows - (quote), "Letters of dismission were requested by Brother Henry Thompson and wife Nancy, Matt J. Thompson and wife Rebecca Ann, George Thompson, Hue Jolly and wife Amanda, Nancy Sellers, R.G. Butler and wife Mary Jane - all of which for the purpose of assisting in the constitution of a church of the Baptist Faith and Order at the Spring Meadow School House. All letters were cordially granted. Also William H. Thompson and wife Sarah J. Thompson, John T. Thompson and wife Elizabeth J. Thompson, to join same church of the same faith and order. Letters were granted to them." (End quote)

Some of these people joined the Whiteville Baptist Church. Others helped organize or later joined the New Hope Church.

NOTES OF INTEREST:

The Cape Fear - Columbus Association met at New Hope Church for the first time in 1913. Rev. J.H. Poteet preached the sermon.

Feb. 20, 1927 - "Permission was asked the Church by the New Hope School for the use of the Church piano and by motion was unanimously rejected."

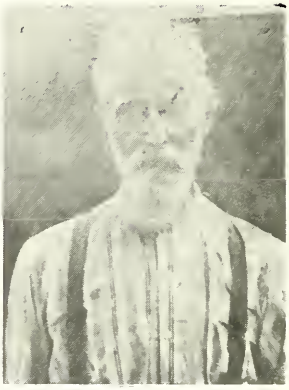
Charter Members New Hope Church

NANCY CAROLINE BRIGHT

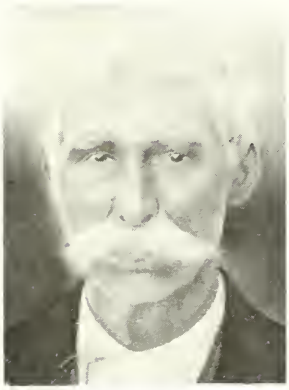
HENRY THOMPSON

NANCY THOMPSON

HARRIS THOMPSON



MATT. J. THOMPSON



GEORGE W. THOMPSON

EDWARD WHITE

ANNIE WHITE

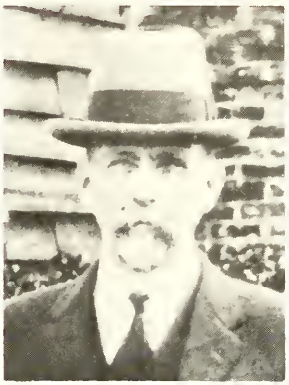
+Charter members whose Pictures are not available: Rev. William Gore,(first Pastor), Mrs. William Gore, Jonathan McLam, Nancy McLam, Becky Ann Thompson

NOTE OF INTEREST: The name "New Hope" submitted by Mrs. William Gore was chosen for the newly organized church.

New Hope Pastors Down Through The Ages

REV. FLETCHER STANLY
1878-1880
1891-1896

REV. DICK CAINES
1883-1890

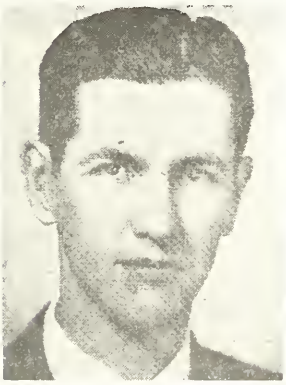


REV. GASTON STANLY
1908-1922

REV. B.G. WHITLEY
1923

REV. S.A. HATLEY
1924

REV. W.J. RUSSELL
1925-1937



REV. W.S. CAUDLE
1938-1941

REV. J.F. GADDY
1942-1946

REV. A.M. GLISSON
1948-1952

REV. G.W. DOWD
1953-1955

REV. B.J. McIVER
1956-1959

REV. MAURICE GILLIAM
1960-1971

REV. R.C. JOHNSON, JR.
1972

REV. EDWIN BULLOCK
1973 (Supply)

REV. MILLARD CRUMPLER
1974 —

+Pastors whose pictures are not presently available:

Rev. William Gore	1874-1875
Rev. David J. Ray	1876-1877
Rev. Moses Pridgen	1881-1882
Rev. Charles Ramsbottom	1897
Rev. ———————— Blalock	1898 (Supply)
Rev. Frank Boney	1899-1902
Rev. ———————— Tuttle	1903-1904 (Ministerial Student)
Rev. George Harrelson	1905-1907

Records do not list a pastor in 1947.

NEW HOPE CHURCH

According to information presently available the following were charter members of the Church organized in 1874 now known as "New Hope Baptist Church."

William "Duck-Eye" Gore
Mrs. William Gore
Nancy Caroline Bright
Jonathan McLam
Nancy McLam
Henry Thompson
Nancy Thompson
Harris Thompson
Matt J. Thompson
Becky Ann Thompson
George W. Thompson
Edward L. White
Annie White

This small group met in the log school house known as the Spring Meadow School which was situated on the present site of the New Hope Church pastorium. Here they pledged to unite themselves in the following solemn covenant: (quote) "We do solemnly agree to give ourselves to the Lord and to one another in the Lord, submitting to the government of Christ in His Church as in 2nd Corinthians, Chapters 5 and 8, and in Romans, Chapters 7 and 15." (End quote)

Soon after the organizational meeting was held, other friends and relatives joined the small group. Minutes show that letters of dismission from Pleasant Hill Church were granted to many others, during the next few years, "to unite with New Hope Baptist Church or some other Church of the same faith and order." Among these were John A. Evans, John W. Tedder, E.H. Thompson, Adeline Thompson, Felitha White, Ada Ammons, Mary Singletary, J.J. Thompson, Mary B. Thompson, Robert Thompson, Zilpha Thompson, Mary White, Lucy Powell, S.C. Stephens, Winiford Ammons, Tracinda Jolly, Sarah Hinson, Calvin Thompson, Amanda Thompson, and Allen Thompson.

When the constitution of the newly-organized Church was being written, many names for the new church were submitted, but the name "New Hope" submitted by the first wife of the Reverend William Gore was chosen. It was a wonderful and inspiring name to these Charter members whose HOPE it was to win the lost of the community to a NEW life in Christ. "Hope" means "to desire with expectation of obtaining." (Webster). This was an apt description of the few devout Christians who met Sunday after Sunday in the one-room log school house heated by logs in a big fire place at one end of the room.

Mr. John Evans served as the first Sunday School Superintendent; Mr. Edward L. White as the first Trustee; and the Rev. William "Duck-Eye" Gore as the first pastor.

Records in the Court House at Whiteville show that in 1875, February 4, Mr. and Mrs. Arch McCollum gave to the Church two acres of land at the head of Spring Meadow - (quote Deed) "in the consideration of the sacred love and affection which they have for the cause of Christ the Blessed Redeemer of the world." (End quote) On this land the small group of members built a Church. It was a one-room building 30' by 40' facing East—built of rough lumber cut and hauled free of charge and built with free labor. It contained no ceiling and was lighted by home-made tallow candles set in 2' by 4' joists. In this building the Church worshipped and grew until it was destroyed by a storm in 1893.

NOTE OF INTEREST:

Oct. 21, 1928 — "On motion the Church called the Pastor, Bro. W.J. Russell, for every Sunday A.M. and night service and excusing him for Revival Meetings elsewhere providing a supply pastor is furnished by him for the Church."

(Artist Conception)

SPRING MEADOW
LOG SCHOOL HOUSE 1874

(Artist Conception)

FIRST CHURCH BUILDING 1875 - 1893

Drawings by Ricky Stephens

SECOND CHURCH BUILDING 1893 - 1914

Discouraged but undaunted, the church members began immediately to build another Church salvaging all the useable material from the one destroyed by the storm. This one, too, faced East and was somewhat larger. It was situated about where the new part of the cemetery now is and contained two front doors—one through which the ladies entered and the other for the gentlemen. Under the leadership of devout pastors and dedicated deacons such as Haynes White, Mathew Thompson, John Singletary, Queen Stephens, and others, the congregation continued to grow until this building was no longer adequate.

In 1908, Rev. Gaston W. Stanly was elected to pastor the church. He preached one Sunday each month and held Conference on the Saturday preceding. Mr. E.V. (Dread) Thompson directed the music during this period of time.

According to available records, ten different pastors had served before the Rev. Stanly in the following sequence and approximate years - The Reverends William "Duck-Eye" Gore, 1874-1875; David James Ray, 1875-1877; Fletcher Stanly, 1877-1880; Moses Pridgen, 1880-1882; Dick Caines, 1882-1890; Fletcher Stanly, 1890-1896; (who served at two different intervals), Charles Ramsbottom, 1896-1897; ———————— Blalock. 1897-1898; Frank Boney. 1898-1902; ———— ———————— Tuttle (Ministerial Student), 1903-1904 and George Harrelson, 1905-1908.

NOTE OF INTEREST:

Nov. 18, 1928-"On motion the church agreed and passed on the following - 80 percent of collections be used for Pastor's salary and 20 percent for incidentals."

"Brother —— acknowledged his fault to the Church and was forgiven.

In 1914, by almost unanimous vote, the members decided to build a larger and more comfortable church. Work was begun immediately and completed in 1915. This church faced South and contained, besides the sanctuary, four balcony and four downstairs Sunday School rooms which could be closed in by curtains. The Church was heated by a beautiful wood-burning heater centrally located which was later traded for a coal-burning heater. Fires in these heaters were usually started early on Sunday morning by Mr. Oscar Hilburn who voluntarily assumed this chore. Decorative kerosene lamps hanging from overhead furnished the light. On this very modern, white-painted Church was a towering steeple inside of which hung a huge bell. About thirty minutes before the Sunday School hour, this bell could be heard all over the community ringing its invitation "Come." This bell was donated and installed by Mr. Bythel White, who at that time was Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Much of the material for this church was donated. Records show that Joe Brown from Chadbourn donated the flooring, Mr. E.V. Thompson donated lumber for framing, and Mr. John Ammons donated the shingles, nails, and wood-heater. The building was valued at $375.00. Imagine the delight of the community when the church, a few years later, bought a Delco Light Plant which generated its own electricity and threw out such brilliant light beams!

The Rev. Gaston Stanly was still pastor—having served from 1908 until 1922—a total of 14 years. In 1921, his salary was $300.00 per year, but during his last year, 1922, it was raised to $370.00. He was then preaching two Sundays per month. The Church membership in 1921 numbered 214—83 males and 131 females.

Soon after occupying this building, a large and very active choir was organized and directed subsequently by Messrs. Dan Ward, Dread Thompson, Elihu White, Frazier White, P.C. White, Stanly White, and Bogue Thompson.

Pianists were Flossie White, Eliza Belle White, Eura Nealy, Everil McQueen and Mabel White.

Famlies took turn-about sweeping and cleaning the church with Mrs. Martine Nealy probably doing the work most frequently.

Soon after the new Church building was begun in 1914, the trustee, Haynes L. White, died. By election of the church, Edward L. White Sr. became the trustee and served with others until his death in 1965.

Part of the two-acre tract of Church land had been set aside for the beginning of a cemetery. According to dates on Monuments, Mr. J.A. Evans' son was the first person to be buried there in 1892. Soon more land was needed. So, on September 24, 1918, J.Y. Butler and wife Sallie Butler deeded to the Trustees of New Hope Cemetery a tract of land (Quote Deed) "in consideration of twenty ($20.00) from the Jackson and Danville Public Road North with the Church Lot line to the edge of Spring Meadow—one acre more or less to be added to the cemetery plot." (End Quote) The cemetery at this time was maintained by a special Board of Trustees who solicited donations and free labor from families who had loved ones buried there.

The associational minutes of 1922 report the organizing of a Woman's Missionary Union at New Hope with Mrs. F.M. White, Sr. as president. By the year 1926 its membership had grown to 40.

Succeeding the Rev. Gaston Stanly in 1923, B.G. Whitley from Stanly County accepted the pastorate at a salary of $600.00 annually—preaching every 1st and 3rd Sunday. After one year, he resigned. He was followed by the Rev. S.A. Hatley who was the first pastor to occupy New Hope's first parsonage completed in 1925. It was a modern eight-room building of wood structure, painted white, and located on the same site as the present one. It was valued at $1200.00.

3rd CHURCH BUILDING 1914 - 1951

CAPE–FEAR – COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION

1920 - (Approximate Date)

3rd BUILDING 1918 - ANNIVERSARY MEETING

FIRST PASTORIUM COMPLETED IN 1925

PROGRAM

Cape Fear-Columbus Baptist Sunday School Assn.

Sunday, March 2, 1930

MORNING SESSION

THEME: Enlargement

NEIL THOMPSON, Presiding

10:00 A. M. – Song Service
Mr. Elihu White, Song Leader
Miss Mabel White at the piano

10:15 A. M. – Devotional.....Rev. T. M. Thompson

10:25 A. M. – Music

10:30 A. M. – "Steps in Building Up a Sunday School"
Hartford Fowler, Tabor

10:55 A. M. – Special Music.....Quartet from Lennon's Cross Roads

11:00 A. M. – Address, "Thirteen Up Through Sixteen"
Mrs. C. R. Pittard, Apex

11:30 A. M. – Address, "The Function of the Sunday School"
Perry Morgan, Raleigh

12:15 P. M. – Announcements..... B. White
Adjourn.

12:30 P. M. – Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 P. M. – Song Service.

1:45 P. M. – Devotional.....Rev. C. M. Pegram, Hallsboro

1:50 P. M. – Roll Call and Reports from Churches

2:00 P. M. – Miscellaneous Business.
Appointment of Committees.

2:05 P. M. – "The Standard of Excellence, a Program of Work for Every Sunday School" .....Neil Thompson

2:30 P. M. – "The Associational Standard, a Program of Work for the Association"..... G. M. Singletary

2:50 P. M. – Organization of the Association and Adopting the Standard.
Reports of Committees.
Election and Installation of Officers
Adjourn.

Meeting at New Hope Church

The Rev. Hatley resigned in 1925 and was replaced by another Stanly County man - the Rev. W.J. Russell who remained pastor for 13 years—1925 to 1938. Under his leadership, New Hope's first Baptist Young People's Union was organized one lovely Sunday afternoon in 1925 at 3:00 o'clock, with 34 charter members. Miss Everil McQueen was elected its first president and Miss Rosalie White its first Secretary and Treasurer. It was scheduled to meet every Friday night, at 7:30. In 1931 the one union divided into three unions with an enrollment of 63. By act of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1934, the P.Y.P.U. was changed to Baptist Training Union. The Church membership at this time had reached 265.

The year 1928 marked a mile stone in the growth of the Church, for it was that year that the Church after many pros and cons voted to hire the pastor (W.J. Russell) full-time and have preaching every Sunday. The following year he was paid $1008.00. Tho' he continued to preach every Sunday his salary dropped again to $600.00 during the years of depression and it continued to fluctuate. During the year 1928, the Church ordained two ministers — Troy Thompson and E.P. Butler.

Under the leadership of the Rev. W.J. Russell, Mr. Palmer Hedgepeth was licensed by New Hope Church in 1929 to "preach the Gospel as set forth in the Bible — upholding the Baptist Faith and Beliefs."

Following the Rev. Russell as pastor in 1938 was the Rev. W.S. Caudle who served the church until 1942. Under the direction of him and his wife, the Y.W.A.'s and R.A.'s were organized. The Sunday School enrollment at this time reached 236. Mr. Caudle's salary varied from $1000.00 to $1273.00 yearly. Mr. Neil Thompson served as Sunday School Superintendent from 1925 until 1943 when he was succeeded by Elbert L. White.

In 1942, the Church voted to supervise the planning and maintenance of the Church cemetery. More land was needed. Records in the court house show (Quote) "On July 27, 1942, S.L. Nealy and wife Eura convey to E.L. White, Marion Stephens, and C.G. Tedder, Trustees for New Hope Baptist Church -- a parcel of land running parallel on the Eastwardly line of New Hope Cemetery designated as Lot 2 of New Hope Cemetery containing 1 5/100 acres more or less — for the sum of $25.00. ----." (End Quote)

In 1942, the Rev. J.F. Gaddy accepted the pastorate of New Hope Church and remained until 1946.

During the approximately 70 years since the organization of the Church, its membership had grown from 13 to 400 and had become a leading Church in the Columbus Association. No longer was the Church, built in 1914, adequate to take care of the needs of the members. Many pleasant memories were attached to that church building, but remembering the name "New Hope", the members with the "Faith of its Fathers" realized the need of a new and larger building, so, in September, 1943, the church in business session voted to begin a building fund for another church building - the fourth one. Elected to serve as a building committee were Elbert L. White, F.G. Hinson, Charlie Tedder, Carl Blackmon, Bogue Thompson, and Azure White. Later the following were elected to serve with the building committee: Edgar Hinson and Palmer Hedgepeth. Mrs. Fred Powell served as Building Fund Secretary and Treasurer. Each year, in the fall, a special collection was taken for the Building Fund.

Rev. Gaddy resigned in 1946 and for approximately a year there was no regular pastor - only supply pastors. During this time, in 1947 the men of the Church formed a Men's Organization and elected Marion Stephens as president.

In 1948, the Rev. A.M. Glisson from Ocala, Florida accepted the pastorate. That year, in November, the lot for the new church was surveyed and clearing of trees began. On December 8, 1948, the building was laid out on one acre of land previously occupied by the New Hope School house and deeded to the Church by the Columbus County Board of Education in 1937 for the sum of $5.00. Excavating

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NEW HOPE CHURCH BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW BUILDING

New Hope Church in Columbus County, four miles south of Whiteville, has begun a new church building. Shown breaking ground for the new structure is Pastor A.M. Glisson. Those in the foreground who participated in the ceremony are, left to right: Carl Blackmon and Forney Hinson, members of the building committee, Rev. Mr. Glisson; Marion Stephens, chairman of the board of deacons, Elbert L. White of the building committee, and Bogue Thompson and Azure White, contractors. The church's present building is shown in the background.

December 8, 1948

began! On January 3, 1949 under the supervision of Bogue Thompson, the first brick was laid by Herbert Thompson. At a cost of approximately $60,000.00 in contributions and $10,000.00 in donations of material and labor, the present building was completed on Saturday night about 9:00 o'clock on March 31, 1951. It consisted of an auditorium with a seating capacity of about 300, a Baptistry, kitchen, recreation room, 19 classrooms, *2* offices, *2* bathrooms and storage rooms. The next day, April 1, 1951, Easter Sunday, the first service was held by the pastor, Rev. Glisson. To Bogue Thompson went a standing vote of appreciation for his diligence and faithfulness in supervising the building of this beautiful structure. With what pride the congregation surveyed the results of its energetic labors! New pews, windows, and pulpit furniture had been presented by various members of the church in memory of their loved ones. The baptismal scene was contributed by the Rev. Glisson's family. In a few days, with both pride and nostalgia the old church was demolished - its pews and other equipment either sold or given to other churches which needed them. Merlin McQueen then landscaped the grounds.

During the Rev. Glisson's tenure at New Hope, he served the Columbus Baptist Association as Superintendent of Sunday School in 1949. Deciding to return to Florida, Mr. Glisson resigned in 1953 and was succeeded by the Rev. George W. Dowd of Wilmington, N.C. who was succeeded by the Rev. B.J. McIver in 1956.

PRESENT CHURCH BUILDING 1951 -

NOTE OF INTEREST

Feb. 17, 1929 - "On motion the Church agreed to buy an individual Communion Set."

"On Motion fellowship was withdrawn from — charged with disorderly conduct."

Windows, Pews, and Pulpit Furniture
for New Hope Church purchased as Memorials by the following:

Pews - $94.00

PURCHASED	IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY
J. O. Ammons	Mr. & Mrs. J. O. Ammons
Jimmy Bass	Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Bass & Family
M. E. Blackmon	The M. E. Blackmon Family
P. S. Coleman & Family	The P. S. Coleman Family
Mrs. D. T. Edge	Mr. & Mrs. D. T. Edge & Family
Charles & E. L. Floyd	Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Floyd
Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Hardie	Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Dudley, Sr.
	Mr. & Mrs. G. O. Hardie, Sr.
Mrs. & Mrs. F. G. Hinson	The F. G. Hinson Family
D. O. Hinson	The D. O. Hinson Family
J. I. McQueen	D. Frank McQueen
Misses Lou & Cordelia Orr	The Misses Orr
Gaston Sellers	Mr. Charles Sellers
Lloyd C. Sellers	The Lloyd C. Sellers Family
L. A. Sellers	The L. A. Sellers Family
Marion Stephens	Mr. & Mrs. Marion Stephens & Family
Admiral Stephens	Mr. & Mrs. Admiral Stephens & Family
Oscar Stephens	Mr. Oscar M. Stephens
C. G. Tedder	Beatrice E. Tedder & Opal Hilda Tedder
O. R. Tedder	Mr. & Mrs. O. R. Tedder & Family
Bogue Thompson	The Bogue Thompson Family
Vernon Thompson	Mr. & Mrs. K. M. Thompson
Elbert L. White	The Joel M. White Family
Mabel Powell & Bennett White	The E. L. White, Sr. Family
Oneil & E. L. White, Jr.	Mrs. Martine White Nealy
Hazel Williamson	Mrs. Oscar M. Stevens

NOTE OF INTEREST:

Jan. 20, 1929 - "On motion it was agreed by the Church that private offenses may be settled by the Deacons outside the Church, but a public offense must be tried within the Church and the guilty offender must be present."

Sanctuary Windows - $164.00 each
Center Windows - $236.00 each

Purchased by-	In Honor of or in Memory of
1. Leah Alexander and Lily Thompson	Deacon Henry Thompson and son E. V. Thompson
2. Davis Bruton	Rosalie White Bruton
3. Mrs. D. T. Edge	Mr. D. T. Edge
4. P. W. Hedgepeth	Mr. & Mrs. M. W. Hedgepeth Mrs. J. Y. Butler
5. F. G. Hinson	Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Dudley Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Hinson
6. I. M. Hinson	Idella M. Hinson
7. Mrs. D. F. Kelly	Sgt. Edwin Butler
8. Marion, Walter & Admiral Stephens	Mr. K. P. Stephens & Wives
9. Bogue Thompson and Wife	Daniel Harris Thompson Georgia Thompson
10. O. B. White	The O. B. White Family

Pulpit Furniture
and
Communion Table & Chairs – $526.22

E. L. White, Sr. & Family ..... Rosalie White Bruton
Brooks White
and daughters
Sylvia and Sybil

The Baptismal Scene of the River Jordan was presented by Rev. A.M. Glisson and his family.

Cost - $350.00 **Artist - Walter Keul**

PRESENT PASTORIUM 1954 -

The Men's Organization, in 1954, reorganized as the Brotherhood with J.G. White as president.

For approximately two years, 1953-1954, Miss Juanita White a former New Hope member who was dedicated to a Christian Vocation, served very efficiently as full time Educational Director and Music Director of the church.

A new modern pastorium was built in 1954 of brick construction to replace the frame one built in 1925. Rev. and Mrs. Dowd were the first to occupy this new pastorium.

At this time, the church membership had reached 497 and when Mr. McIver resigned it had passed 500. This year, 1956, the pastor's salary was $4000.00, the total for all missions and benevolences had increased from $173.43 in 1938 to $2388.00 annually. Resigning in 1959, the Rev. McIver accepted work in Lexington.

Recorded in the Register of Deeds office in Whiteville on October 20, 1958 is the following record (Quote) "J.O. Ammons and wife Sarah Elizabeth Ammons — convey to E.L. White, Sr., Marion Stephens, E.L. Floyd, Carson Hardie, and Edgar Hinson, Trustees of New Hope Church — in consideration of $10.00 and other valuable considerations a plot of land beginning at Northeast corner of New Hope School Lot —— approximately ½ acre." (End Quote)

A pulpit committee then visited Hiddenite, was impressed by the pastor of its Baptist Church, the Rev. Maurcie Gilliam. He accepted the call to come to New Hope in 1960 and became its twentieth pastor. In the meantime several additions to the new church had been added to improve its facilities - a Hammond Organ, a new piano, fully carpeted auditorium and five used pianos for the educational departments of the church. Choir directors serving since 1940 include Bogue Thompson, E.L. White, Jr., Juanita White, and Mrs. Maurice Gilliam. Church Instrumentalists include Mrs. Caudle, Nell Stephens, Gene Stephens, Diana Edge, Vickie Floyd, Doris Thompson, Mabel W. Powell, and Kay Gilliam.

Under the dedicated and efficient leadership of the Rev. Gilliam, the church has experienced both spiritual and physical growth. In 1961 the entire church plant was fully air conditioned. Under his supervision, the church auditorium was re-decorated and the Sunday School rooms painted. Fire escapes have been added for safety measures. The church grounds and the cemetery have been re-landscaped. The church now sponsors and finances the management of the cemetery which is in the process of being blue-printed in order that graves may be identified. The cemetery committee is composed of Marion Stephens, Edgar Hinson, Bogue Thompson, and E.L. White, Jr. In 1961, the church licensed Mr. John Hyatt to the ministry..

Feeling the need for a music director Mrs. Maurice Gilliam was elected to that position by the church in 1962 and served capably for approximately five years.

A Church Library was organized and opened for use last year, 1961, with a functioning library committee and Librarian. Mrs. Lawrence Boswell was elected Librarian.

During the past six years. there has been a steady increase in gifts to Missions - increasing from $4531.00 in 1961 to $5985.00 in 1966. General offerings during the past five or six years have maintained more regularity which indicates spiritual growth in tithing and contributing regularly to the Lord's work. There now is seldom a need for special offerings to meet the obligations of the church. The success or failure of the Spiritual Growth Program, adopted by the church, in 1966 will determine to a degree the depth of spirituality experienced by individual members this year and the years to come. Rev. Gilliam served as Moderator of the Columbus Association in 1964-1965 and has also been an active leader in other phases of associational work.

New Hope Church now has 539 members, a lovely and comfortable physical plant, a full-time pastor, and every advantage "to study and show themselves approved unto God, workmen who need not to be ashamed."

Ninety-three years ago, thirteen members met in February in a cold log school house and pledged this covenant (Quote) "We do solemnly agree to give ourselves to the Lord and to one another in the Lord, submitting to the government of Christ in His Church." (End Quote) If all 539 members of New Hope Church had the faith of the thirteen and the HOPE to win the lost to a NEW life in Christ, the centennial seven years hence will be a most joyous years for this community.

The foregoing history was approved and adopted by the Church on Sunday evening, July 16, 1967.

The history to this date has been microfilmed and is on file in the Department of Archives and History in Raleigh, N.C.

PASTOR: Maurice Gilliam

ACTIVE DEACONS: E.L. White, Jr., Chairman; Graham Rooks, J.G. White, John Hyatt, Bogue Thompson, Gaston Sellers, Harry Fluharty

TRUSTEES: Carson Hardie, Edgar Hinson, E.L. White, Jr.
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Edgar Hinson
B.T.U. DIRECTOR: J.G. White
BAPTIST MEN'S DIRECTOR: E.L. White, Jr.
W.M.U. PRESIDENT: Lila Mae White
CUSTODIANS: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blackwell

Mabel White Powell
Church Historian

"Intermediate Day" was observed every Fourth Sunday in April for eleven years — 1957 through 1967. On this day the young people filled positions of leadership in the various Church Services of the day.

SUPPLEMENT TO NEW HOPE CHURCH HISTORY
1967

Though in membership, New Hope Church dropped from 539 to 534 this year, it grew stronger spiritually under the continued leadership of its pastor, Reverend Maurice Gilliam. A Five Year Spiritual Growth Program was adopted and Goals for the church were set pertaining to Missions, Tithing, Ministry, etc. in accordance with suggestions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Benevolence Committee was deleted and its duties assigned to the Mission Action Leader of the Brotherhood, to the Mission Action Chairman of the W.M.U., and to the Deacons.

A committee was appointed to draw up a constitution for the church. Appointed to the committee were: Rev. Maurice Gilliam, E.L. White, Jr., Mrs. Mabel Powell, Graham Rooks, and Elbert L. White.

On July 16, Mrs. Mabel Powell stated that the compilation of the church history had been completed from its origin to date, and she would like for the church to hear it read, make corrections, deletions, or additions so that she could have it microfilmed. The History was read and approved by the church on Sunday evening, July 16, 1967. During the following week, it was microfilmed and put on record in the Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, N.C.

Among the physical additions this year were new folding tables purchased to replace the old wooden ones. These new tables are to be used in the Educational Department and also in the Recreation Hall.

Carpet was placed in the study, living room and hall of the Pastorium.

Mrs. Maurice Gilliam resigned as music director and Mrs. Frederick Hinson elected to take her place.

Total receipts for the year were $23,309.00. Contributed to Missions and Benevolences was $6241.00.

1968

During the year, 1968, the pastor, Rev. Maurice Gilliam, baptized 13 new members. Five others came by letter or by statement making a total of 18 new members. The church, however, lost 18 by death, letter and revision of the church roll-leaving the total enrollment at 534.

In connection with the Five Year Spiritual Growth Program, a series of Family Life Conferences were held. These were attended well and were most interesting to all ages.

Participating in the Crusade of America, the church held a spring revival in March. Later in the year, Mr. Horace Whitley, who had gone on a Brotherhood Mission Tour to South America, visited the church and showed slides of the mission work being done in those countries.

Average attendance in Sunday School dropped slightly this year from 169 to 162.

Total receipts were $28,566.00. Of this amount, $7832.00 went to missions and benevolences.

1969

This year the church received 11 new members by baptism and 9 by letter or statement for a total of 20. Sixteen were lost by death, letter, etc. leaving a total membership of 538.

On March 12, a Planning and Survey Committee was appointed to make a study of additional space needed for the church, its cost, and a program for financing the project. Graham Rooks was appointed Chairman of the Building Committee and Leon Thompson, Chairman of the Building Finance Committee. After thorough study and planning each committee would present a report in church conference.

Under the supervision of the Maintenance Committee, Harry Fluharty as chairman, a louvered wood folding-type curtain was installed across the front of the Baptismal Pool.

Under the sponsorship of the church, the Cemetery Committee composed of Marion Stephens, E.L. White, Jr. and Edgar Hinson did extensive work in landscaping, surveying and marking of lots and unknown graves in the cemetery.

On August 13, 1969, a motion was made and passed to secure a part-time Secretary for the church. The salary, work schedule and other details were to be worked out by a committee appointed by Rev. Gilliam. Mrs. Elbert L. White served as chairman of this committee. Later in the year, at the committee's recommendation, the Deacons became responsible for hiring the Secretary according to regulations adopted by the church. Mrs. Shelby Hinson became the first paid Secretary of the church.

Total receipts this year were $28,624.00. Contributed to Missions and Benevolences was $7650.00.

1970

This year the church gained 11 new members and lost 13 leaving a total of 536.

On Feb. 1, 1970, the church heard the report of the Planning and Survey Committee and voted to accept its recommendation to begin an extensive fund-raising campaign for the building of an Educational Plant. Work on the building to begin when one-third of the cost is raised.

In February the church sponsored a 10-day trip to the Holy Land for its Pastor, Rev. Maurice Gilliam. His wife accompanied him on the tour.

On February 11, the church voted to purchase a new electric heating system at a cost of $3582.00. A new fire extinguisher was also purchased.

When Mrs. Shelby Hinson resigned as Secretary, Mrs. Frederick Hinson was elected to fill the vacancy. Salary for this part-time work was set at $27.88 weekly.

During this year, much intensive study and work was done in preparation for the organizational changes to be made in the Sunday School and other auxiliaries of the church. These changes would be effective on the first Sunday of October, 1970.

Total receipts for this year were $30,911.00. Contributed to Missions and Benevolences $7403.00.

1971

According to statistical records New Hope Church lost, during this church year, 9 members by letter and 2 by death — gained 5 by Baptism and 8 by letter making a total of 538 members at the close of the year.

Still planning and looking forward to building additional educational rooms to the church, the following members were added to the Building Finance Committee: Mrs. Beulah Sellers, Mrs. Irene Fluharty, Mrs. Everil Stephens, Elbert L. White, J.G. White, and E.L. White, Jr.

The Baptist Men's organization of the church voted to build a basketball court so that the boys of the church could participate in the associational schedule of basketball. Oneil White loaned land in front of the church for the court to be built. Men of the church built the court.

Rev. Gilliam appointed the following members to serve on the nominating committee for 1971-72: Edgar Hinson, Mrs. Ruby Hyatt and Howard McLam.

A Youth Choir was organized and directed by Mrs. Maurice Gilliam. This group presented several programs of folk-spiritual music in New Hope Church and in several other churches of the association.

Mr. John Hyatt resigned as Deacon effective Oct. 1, 1971 because of poor health and age.

The church participated in a very inspirational program on Stewardship which was sponsored by the Association.

Total receipts for the year were $30,271.00. Contributed to Missions and Benevolences was $7868.00.

1972

On Dec. 2, 1971, a letter announcing his resignation as pastor of New Hope Church effective Jan. 2, 1972 was written by Rev. Gilliam and a copy mailed to every member of the church. He stated that he believed this to be the Will of God for all involved. He had accepted a call to Central Baptist Church, Spruce Pine, N.C.

Rev. Gilliam had begun his pastorate at New Hope on Aug. 1, 1960 and stated that the more than eleven years at New Hope had been filled with pleasure and joy.

On Dec. 8, at regular Conference Rev. Maurice Gilliam offered his official resignation in accordance with the letter he had mailed the week before. The Church accepted his resignation. His last sermon would be preached the first Sunday in Jan. 1972.

Plans and methods were discussed and adopted to elect a Pulpit Committee.

Elected to serve on the Pulpit Committee were Frederick Hinson, Larry Gilliam, J.G. White, Irene Fluharty and Mabel Powell. E.L. White, Jr. and Joanne Hinson served as alternates.

The committee elected J.G. White chairman and Mabel Powell secretary.

Rev. Edwin Bullock was selected by the Deacons to serve as Interim Pastor. He served diligently and faithfully for six months.

Harry Fluharty directed the choir until his resignation in August. Mrs. Lila Mae White finished the church year as Director.

New Hope Church joined other churches of the county in sponsoring the Nicky Cruz Crusade held in Moore's Warehouse, Whiteville, in April.

In March, the church approved and accepted bids for painting the church and inside the Pastorium.

The New Hope R.A.'s won the trophy for sportsmanship during the basketball season. They were coached by GarlandWilliamson and Graham Rooks.

On Wed. night, April 12, 1972, a motion was made and carried to have a standing vote to determining the calling of Rev. R.C. Johnson of Summerville, S.C. to pastor the church.

With no opposing vote, he was enthusiastically called to pastor New Hope Church. Notified of the vote by Chairman J.G. White, Mr. Johnson accepted the call and arranged to begin his pastorate on June 1, 1972.

E.L. White, Jr. appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Ervin Thompson, Linda McLam, and Lila Mae White to serve during 1972-73.

Mr. Johnson, soon after his arrival on the field, introduced the WIN PROGRAM and began teaching a class using Win Literature on Sunday Evening during Training Union time.

In Oct., Juanita White gave 50 Bibles to the Church. These were memorialized and placed in the Sanctuary pews for congregational use.

Fourteen members were added to the church by Baptism, Letter, and Statement. Eleven were lost by letter and death. Total membership at the end of the year was 541.

Total receipts for the years was $30,638.00. Contributed to Missions was $8328.00.

1972-1973

The new church year began with much enthusiasm among the members under the leadership of the Rev. R.C. Johnson, Jr. as pastor.

In April, 1973, a three and one-half ton air conditioning unit was purchased and installed in the Pastorium.

At regular conference on June 17, the church elected a Centennial Committee composed of Mabel Powell, Chm., Rosa White, Larry Gilliam, and the Dept. Directors. This committee was asked to begin plans for a Centennial celebration for 1974 at which time, in Feburary, New Hope Church would observe its 100th birthday.

To the surprise of everyone present at the July 11, business meeting, the Pastor, R.C. Johnson, read a letter of resignation to become effective one month hence. In the letter he stated that he had enjoyed his years work in the church, that everyone had been very kind to him and his family, but that through prayer and the leadership of the Holy Spirit he had reached a decision to retire from pastoral duties.

The Centennial Committee, meeting on August 8, recommended the date of November, 3, 1974 be set for the Centennial observance. This date was ratified by the church in conference.

The Rev. Edwin Bullock was asked again to serve as Supply pastor at a salary of $75.00 per Sunday.

The following people were elected to serve as Pulpit Committee: Edgar Hinson, Larry Gilliam, J.G. White, E.L. White, Jr., Mabel Powell, Joann Hinson, and Beulah Sellers. Edgar Hinson was elected to serve as chairman.

The church voted on Sept. 12, to install a telephone in the Church Library.

Carpet was installed on the floor of the Choir loft.

With a unanimous vote, the Church voted to oppose the liquor-by-the-drink referendum and to contribute $100.00 to help defeat it. Later the Church voted to give another $200.00 to help prevent the passage of the liquor-by-the-drink bill.

Eighteen members were added to the Church by Baptism and nine by letter. Seventeen were lost by death or by letter. Total membership at the end of the year was 551.

Total receipts for the year was $33,747.00. Contributed to Missions was $9,655.00.

1973-1974

The Rev. Edwin Bullock continued to serve very efficiently as Supply Pastor. Under his leadership, the Church maintained its normal activities and worship.

A motion was made and carried on Feb. 13, 1974 to place the money received from Hill's receipts into the Building Fund.

Meanwhile, the Pulpit Committee had been busy visiting and interviewing prospective pastors. Being very much impressed with the work and personality of the Rev. Millard Crumpler of Baltimore and feeling led by the Holy Spirit, the Committee invited him and his family to visit the Church and community and to conduct services on Sunday, March 10, 1974. He graciously accepted the invitation.

On March 13, 1974, Edgar Hinson, Chm. of the Pulpit Committee, made a motion in regular Conference to call the Rev. Crumpler as pastor of New Hope Church at a salary of $12,700.00 annually. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Upon notification of the vote, Mr. Crumpler accepted the call and planned to move to the Pastorium the first week in July.

Meanwhile, plans were made to redecorate the Pastorium. A new electric furnance was installed at a cost of $550.00. Upon recommendation of Larry Gilliam, speaking for the Maintenance Committee, a second bathroom was added. Painting and other repairs were approved.

On April 10, 1974, Elbert L. White, Moderator, appointed the following to serve as Nominating Committee for the ensuing year: J.G. White, Chm., Fred Goldston, and Beulah Sellers.

The Church was inspired and happy to welcome the Rev. Millard Crumpler and his family to the Pastorium and to the community the first week of July. Under his leadership, plans were completed for the Centennial Committee's program of observance to be held Nov. 3, 1974. He also introduced plans for the spiritual growth of the Church.

The Rev. Edwin Bullock was given a vote of appreciation and thanks for his dedicated and faithful leadership as supply pastor.

Excerpts from Statistical Reports
(Five - year Intervals)

Yr.	Pastor's Salary (annual)	Missions and Benevolences	Total yearly Receipts	No. church members
1921	$ 300.00	$	$ 575.32	214
1926	$ 600.00	$	$ 915.20	255
1931	$ 811.48	$ 134.13	$ 1,183.51	265
1936	$1,049.58	$ 146.69	$ 1,566.36	326
1941	$1,000.00	$ 275.23	$ 1,947.73	394
1946	$2,080.00	$ 732.75	$ 6,347.15	396
1951	$3,640.00	$1,553.00	$16,725.00	431
1956	$3,640.00	$2,388.00	$12,897.00	497
1961	$4,750.00	$4,531.00	$19,253.00	527
1966	$5,280.00	$5,552.00	$20,071.00	532
1971	*	$7,868.00	$30,271.00	538
1973	*	$9,655.00	$33,747.00	551

*Record not in minutes

Yr.	S.S. Enr.	S.S. Ave. Att.	T.U. Enr. (organized 1925	T.U. Ave. Att.
1921	163			
1926	185	88	34	
1931	214	135	63	
1936	242	128	61	
1941	232	127	96	
1946	242	107	67	
1951		138	94	38
1956	448	183	149	58
1961		186	137	62
1966				60
1971	316	150	68	30
1973	305	159	77	23

NOTES OF INTEREST:

The monthly Roll call of Male members and quarterly Roll call of Female members was taken "to locate all members of the Church and to learn what they were doing religiously." If a member was not attending and had no good cause, then the hand of fellowship was withdrawn.

Church discipline was called withdrawing the hand of fellowship. This was done frequently and for various reasons and offenses, such as profane language, non-attendance, tattling and back-biting, dancing, dramtaking, immoral conduct, gambling, betting on horse racing, drunkenness, unchristian conduct, and for many other reasons.

Those KNOWN to have served in the following offices

S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS

1874 John Evans
Haynes White
1921 B. White
1924 Neil Thompson
1943 Elbert L. White
1948 Merle Brann
1949 Carl Blackmon
1952 Elbert L. White
1959 Edgar Hinson
1973 Edward L. White, Jr.

S. S. SECRETARIES

1921 L.M. McLam
1925 Leo Nealy
1929 Floyd Hardie
1939 Margeret Brann
1941 Rosalie White
1946 Marguerite Stephens
1948 Joyce Stephens
1960 Mary R. White
1973 Mona Fay Rooks

V. B. S. DIRECTORS

1939 W.S. Caudle
1959 Linda McLam
1960 Mabel Powell
1964 Doris Tedder
1968 Carolyn Thompson
1969 Mabel Powell
1970 Rev. Maurice Gilliam
1972 Mrs. Fred Powell
1973 Rev. R.C. Johnson
1974 Mrs. Fred Powell

CHURCH CLERKS

1874 Henry Thompson
1921 B. White
1928 S.L. Nealy
1931 P.C. White
1932 Clarence Thompson
1935 E.L. White, Sr.
1938 Elbert L. White
1944 E.L. White, Sr.
1946 Edgar Hinson
1949 E.L. White, Jr.
1955 Carl Blackmon
1956 Edgar Hinson
1960 Elbert L. White
1961 Joanne Hinson
1971 Sherry Hinson
1972 Barbara Ward

TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS

1925 Everil McQueen
1927 Rosalie White
1928 Stanly White
1930 Elihu White
1931 Rosalie White
1937 Renie Elliott
1941 J.L. Dudley, Jr.
1942 Palmer Hedgepeth
1943 Mabel Powell
1946 J.G. White
1948 Edgar Hinson
1949 Harry Fluharty
1950 E.L. White, Jr.
1951 Elbert L. White
1952 Edgar Hinson
1953 J.L. Dudley, Jr.
1954 J.G. White
1955 Edgar Hinson
1958 E.L. White, Jr.
1961 J.G. White
1962 Merle Brann
1964 J.G. White
1969 Larry Gilliam
1974 Linda McLam

CHURCH TREASURERS

1921 L.M. McLam
1922 E.C. Hinson
1924 L.M. McLam
1928 S.L. Nealy
1932 J.W. Butler
1933 D.T. Edge
1936 Clarence Thompson
1937 Gordon Hinson
1938 Herbert Brann
1939 Merle Brann
1940 Stanly White
1941 Carson Hardie
1942 S.E. White
1943 Mrs. Elbert L. White
1948 Mrs. Edgar Hinson
1949 Mrs. Clarence Thompson
1950 Linda Hedgepeth
1956 Lois Tedder
1960 Mrs. Fred Goldston
1961 Mrs. Elbert L. White
1969 Mrs. Sherry Hinson
1971 Mrs. Fred Hinson
1972 Mrs. Virgil Ward

CHURCH TRUSTEES

1874-1893 Edward L. White
1894-1913 Haynes L. White
1914-1935 Edward L. White, Sr.
1936-1941 Edward L. White, Sr.
Clarence Thompson
1942-1951 Edward L. White, Sr.
Marion Stephens
C.G. Tedder
1952-1958 Edward L. White, Sr.
Marion Stephens
Edwin Floyd
1959-1962 Edward L. White, Sr.
Marion Stephens
Edwin Floyd
Carson Hardie
Edgar Hinson
1963-1974 Edward L. White, Jr.
Carson Hardie
Edgar Hinson

MUSIC DIRECTORS

1903 Dan Ward
1908 E.V. Thompson
1914 Elihu White
1917 Frazier White
1921 Elihu White
1926 P.C. White
1939 E.L. White, Jr.
1940 P.C. White
1941 Stanly White
1942 Bogue Thompson
1955 Juanita White
1957 Bogue Thompson
1960 Mrs. Stella Gilliam
1967 Mrs. Joanne Hinson
1968 Mrs. Stella Gilliam
1972 Harry Fluharty
1973 Mrs. Thurman White
1974 Mrs. Thurman White

BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS

1947 Marion Stephens
(Men's Work)
1955 J.G. White
(Brotherhood)
1956 E.L. White, Jr.
1958 Carson Hardie
1960 Merle Brann
1961 Elbert L. White
1963 Thurman White
1964 E.L. White, Jr.
1971 J.G. White
1973 T.F. Alexander
1974 Carroll W. Hinson

PIANIST-ORGANISTS

1914 Flossie White
1919 Eliza B. White
1924 Mabel White
1926 Everil McQueen
1929 Mabel White
1933 Everil McQueen
1934 Eura Nealy
1935 Mabel White
1939 Mrs. W.S. Caudle
1940 Vivian Thompsor
1942 Mabel Powell
1947 Nell Stephens
1949 Mabel Powell
1956 Jean Stephens
Kay Gilliam
1958 Mabel Powell
Jean Stephens
1960 Mabel Powell
Diane Edge
1966 Vickie Floyd
Mabel Powell
Doris Thompson
1968 Kay White
Susan Hinson
Betty Robinson
1974 Kay White
-Len Goldston

W. M. U. DIRECTORS

1922 Mrs. F.M. White, Sr.
1927 Mrs. Neil Thompson
1936 Mrs. P.C. White
1938 Mrs. Mary Thompson
1939 Mrs. W.S. Caudle
1940 Miss Lou Orr
1941 Mrs. Ruth White
1942 Mrs. Pearl Thompson
1943 Mrs. Admiral Stephens
1944 Mrs. J.W. Butler
1952 Mrs. Gaston Sellers
1957 Mrs. Carson Hardie
1959 Mrs. Thurman White
1961 Mrs. Harry Fluharty
1963 Mrs. Carson Hardie
1966 Mrs. Thurman White
1968 Mrs. Gaston Sellers
1969 Mrs. Graham Rooks
1970 Mrs. Bernard Thompson
1971 Mrs. Gaston Sellers
1973 Mrs. Thurman White

NOTES OF INTEREST

Mr. John C. Hyatt was presented a certificate from New Hope Church dated July 11 stating that he had been licensed by the Church "to preach the Gospel of Christ." The certificate was signed by Rev. Ben J. McIver, Moderator. The year was 1959.

Under the leadership and direction of the Rev. W.J. Russell, Mr. Palmer Hedgepeth was licensed in 1929 by New Hope Church to "preach the Gospel as set forth in the Bible-upholding the Baptist Faith and Beliefs."

Conference - Nov. 18, 1928 — (quote) "On motion the clerk was instructed to invite all the Pastors in this Association to meet with us Thursday P.M. at 8:30 (Thanksgiving Night) for the purpose of examining and ordaining Bros. E.P. Butler and Troy Thompson for the work in the Gospel Ministry."

On Saturday before the third Lord's Day in January, 1921, the Church met in regular conference. Minutes were read and approved. The committee to fix flues made its report.

The Church granted the Pastor a vacation to attend the Southern Baptist Convention. The Church was ordered to pay $5.00 on his expense.

May 19, 1929 - "On motion the following committee was appointed to nominate all Church officers for the ensuing year E.L. White, W.A. Hayes, J.L. Dudley, and Mrs. I.M. Hinson."

June 16, 1929 - "On motion the following officers were nominated and elected separately by the Church-Bro. Neil Thompson, S.S. Supt. and Deacon-Bro. Elihu White, Deacon-Bro. L.C. Sellers, Deacon-Bro. D.F. McQueen, Deacon-Bro. John C. Hyatt, Deacon-Bro. F.G. Hinson, Deacon-Bro. P.S. Coleman, Deacon-Bro. S.L. Nealy, Clerk and Treasurer."

1938 List of S.S. Teachers

Bible Class	Rev. Caudle
Adult Women	Mrs. I.M. Hinson
Adult Men	Elbert White
Young Ladies	Mrs. Ruth White
Young Girls	Mrs. Mary Thompson
Young Men	Miss Mabel White
Int. Girls	Mrs. Annie Mae Thompson
Int. Boys	Mrs. Neil Thompson
Junior Girls	Mrs. J.L. Brann
Junior Boys	Miss Hazel Stevens
Pri. Girls	Miss Venie W. Elliott
Pri. Boys	Stanly White
Beginners	Mrs. Maggie Strickland

Jan. 5, 1941 - "Motion made and carried to place the balance $2.25 from Christmas Tree program on the Parsonage debt leaving a balance of $5.25 to pay."

Nov. 23, 1941 — "Mr. Lloyd Sellers and Mr. George Hardie were appointed as a committee to collect money to insure the Church."

May 16, 1956 — "Upon recommendation of the Deacons, a motion was made and carried to start a Library in the Church."

"The Lottie Moon Christmas offering for 1957 amounted to $59.00.

The Regional B.Y.P.U. Convention met at New Hope Church in the Fall of 1938. More than 100 delegates were entertained in homes of the Church community from Friday afternoon through Sunday. Midday meals were served at the Church on Saturday and Sunday. Conference Minutes dated February 6, 1938 read: (quote) "Motion made and carried to entertain the B.Y.P.U. Regional Convention to the best of our ability."

Prayers and Aims of our Church for the Second Century

To continue to carry out the aims of our Founding Fathers as quoted in their Covenant (quote) "We do solemnly agree to give ourselves to the Lord and to one another in the Lord, submitting to the government of Christ in His Church."

To draw ever nearer to God until we come to be mature workmen in His kingdom.

To always be identified with the causes that shall promote the Spiritual development of our community and nation.

To promote the Cause of Christ at home and abroad through giving liberally of our time, our talents, our possessions, and our influence.

To always follow the example of Jesus and to display our loyalty to Him and His Church through consistent lives which demonstrate the compassion of the Lord for lost men and women.

To serve our day and generation well, looking forward to our eternal inheritance which the Heavenly Father reserves for all those who accept and follow His divine Son.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Fred Powell, Chairman
Mrs. J.G. White
Larry Gilliam
E.L. White, Jr.
Mrs. Willard McLam
Mrs. Thurman White
Carroll W. Hinson
Elbert L. White
Mrs. Virgil Ward

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Be not concerned, be not surprised
If what we do is criticized.
Mistakes are made, we can't deny
They're only made by folks who try.
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